

## MRS. ANNIE ASKEW SHARP DIES AT HARRELLSVILLE

Death Is Mourned By Large  
Number Friends Through-  
out This Section

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On last Sunday morning the subject of this sketch reached the end of her earthly pilgrimage. When the news of her passing became known it caused widespread sorrow in this section where she spent practically her entire life.

Mrs. Sharp was the youngest daughter of Dr. Jackson Askew, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Askew. She was born July 27, 1856 at the family homestead not many miles from Ahoskie. Her father was a much loved physician and a prominent Baptist, one of the founders of C. B. F. Institute, (now Chowan College.) Her mother was a charming woman of the old south who survived her distinguished husband many years. She entered school at C. B. F. I. when a mere child and continued a student there until her graduation. After that happy event she became a music teacher at her alma mater, a position which she filled worthily for several years. Later she taught music at Churchland, Va., and while there was married to Mr. Starkey Sharp and moved to his home near Harrellsville. This remained her home until she was called to her eternal home. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, six children, Starkey Sharp, Jr., Hunter Sharp, Miss Janie Sharp, and Miss Allye Sharp; all of Harrellsville; Mrs. Linwood Cullens of Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. B. L. Sharp of Winston-Salem, two brothers, Will Askew of Petersburg, Va., and Jeff Askew of Pulaski, Va., two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Askew of Harrellsville and Mrs. Dora Wood of Winton and several grandchildren, besides a host of friends. One child preceeded her to the better land.

Mrs. Sharp was laid to rest on Monday afternoon in the old Sharp burying ground at Harrellsville, and the funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. B. Lineberry. She was an accomplished musician and used this gift freely for the benefit of others. Perhaps her most interesting trait was her deep loyalty to her family and friends. She seemed to have a real genius for friendship and this included keeping old friends as well as making new ones.

Mrs. Sharp was a woman of many fine qualities and lovable traits. Her affectionate disposition and ready sympathy endeared her to all who knew her, while her sense of humor and keen intelligence made her a brilliant conversationalist and an always interesting companion.

Mrs. Sharp was converted and joined the Baptist church in early life and remained a consistent member until her death. She was also a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and her life was full of those little kind deeds done in His name that the women of this organization call personal service. She loved her church and its works, and she will be greatly missed here. She was one of the best and most devoted of wives and mothers, and a mother in spirit to a large number of relatives. A genuinely sweet hospitable, and accomplished christian woman has gone to her reward. We sorrow at her going, and our sympathy goes out to the family circle of which she was truly the heart. But a prayer of thanksgiving rises to Heaven for the beauty and charm and usefulness of her life. She was a product of a christian home, a christian school and a church of Christ, and the secret of her power was a life hid in Christ.

For several years she had been in declining health and an attack of influenza soon snapped the brittle thread of life.

The writer's mother wrote, "I have just come from the burial of my dearest friend—a friendship of fifty years, without a ripple on its surface." Their girlhood was passed in the hard days following the Civil War and their friendship began at old C. B. F. Institute. Twenty-five years ago fate brought them close together again as neighbors on a nearby farm, and their friendship nourished by congenial tastes and similar aims in life ripened in that beautiful thing which their children reverence. Who can doubt that one day this beautiful golden bowl, broken now, will become perfect and complete. Over There! The actors play their parts upon the stage of life and pass out. But they are not forgotten. Their characters are carried out to be lived with throughout eternity, the memory of their deeds and personalities remain on earth.

The many flowers heaped upon our friend's grave comforted somewhat, trust, the bruised hearts of her loved ones by their beauty and their fragrance, but that fragrance and

## KU KLUX BILL MAKES BUT LITTLE HEADWAY

State Legislature Getting Down  
To Business; Shipping Bill  
Considered

Among the more important developments in the State Legislature during the past week was the unfavorable report given by the Senate Judiciary Committee to the Sams bill aimed at unmasking members of the Ku Klux Klan, and the hearing held on the proposed shipping bill sponsored by Governor Morrison. The Ku Klux bill will probably go to the floor of the Senate on a minority report.

At the shipping bill hearing, Governor Morrison led the fight for favorable consideration by the legislature, telling of the great possibilities of the project and outlining the plans he had already given to the author of the bill. He was assisted in the arguments by Professor Collier Cobb, Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, W. G. Womble, and Captain John A. Nelson, all of whom told of what could be accomplished in the matter of lowering freight rates through the promotion of a ship subsidy. Opponents of the measure were given a hearing yesterday.

Quite a bit of publicity was given to a purported fund being raised in Norfolk to fight the Carolina bill. Sharp denies that any such fund was being raised were voiced by heads of city organizations in Norfolk. The issue arose out of a meeting held in Washington, N. C., at which time it was stated such a fund was being raised.

The House Budget Committee handed its report for the coming 2-year period. The appropriation asked for would total near \$20,000,000 for the two-year period, and would be a larger outlay than formerly advanced by the budget committee. Members of the committee stated, however, that it would be trimmed considerably before the legislature was asked to act upon it.

A bill to create a pardon board did not get a single voice raised in its behalf when it came up for consideration. It has been tabled, and will hardly be brought up again during the session. The special committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a medical college in the State, in conformance with a suggested plan by authorities of Trinity College and the State University, advised that plans were in such a formative stage that it would be impracticable to take any action for two years. The measure was tabled for that period of time.

Investigation of the row in the State Department of Printing got under way last night and will probably continue for some time. The house bill for an additional \$15,000,000 for state highways has been favorably reported.

Among other bills of state-wide interest introduced within the past week are: to place all solicitors on salary, ranging from \$3,600 to \$5,000 per year, offered by Senator Castelleo of Bertie; to abolish department at State Prison for dangerous insane and establish a sanatorium for tubercular prisoners; a bill providing that wage earners be liable for garnishment or wages, prepared and fostered by the State Merchants Association; to prevent all except drug stores from selling proprietary medicines, fostered by the State Pharmaceutical Association; providing for registration of city and town bonds; to allow municipalities to insure their employees; to compel women to serve on juries; to codify the school law of the State; and to offer state aid to disabled mothers who are not in position to foster and rear their offspring.

Partisan debate, acrimonious and bitter at times, broke out in the House when two Republican officers were shorn of their jobs. They were: treasurer of Randolph County and auditor of Davidson County. In the last election neither had opposition and thereby were the only Republicans to get jobs. The offices held by them were abolished, and the minority officeholders went without jobs.

No bills of a local nature or pertaining to Hertford County were introduced in the legislature during the week.

beauty were leaves cut, wasted in a day's time, perhaps. The perfume and beauty of her life remains however, to cheer and hearten them as they strive to follow her pilgrim's footsteps. For the days of her passing are critical days no less than those days of her girlhood when the South was emerging from the shadows of war and the world needs strong, sweet, good women now as much as then, perhaps more.

May her life be an incentive to those of high ideals who are willing to work and sacrifice that these ideals may not perish from the earth!

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